

**GOVERNOR'S**  
**ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES**  
**TASK FORCE**

**Minutes**  
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The minutes of the March 16, 2004 meeting were approved.

Department of Administration Secretary Marc J. Marotta and Public Service Commission of Wisconsin Chairperson Burneatta Bridge jointly addressed the Task Force regarding its achievements and the work that lies ahead. Wisconsin is in a building cycle and needs a clear and comprehensive policy regarding energy efficiency and renewables. There are four goals regarding this: adequate funding (recommended to be slightly increased for the future); accountability for results by administrators; integration with resource selection decisions of PSCW; and maximizing efforts through cooperation. Marc Marotta stated that Focus on Energy has achieved many of its goals over the last three years and should continue to be an administrator. It was recommended that DOA and PSCW enter into a cooperative agreement with joint responsibilities including allocation of funds, establishing consistency of programs, and reviewing and approving an independent evaluator's reports. Chairperson Bridge also requested that the Task Force examine the language of the Energy Priorities Statute and its intent. Discussion followed regarding funding adequacy and security issues.

Department of Agriculture Secretary Rod Nilsestuen addressed the Task Force regarding rural energy issues and agriculture's impact on the economy. A handout of his power-point presentation was circulated. Secretary Nilsestuen discussed the need for dedicated R&D funds for developing Wisconsin biomass projects and the rural uses of public benefit funds. Rural coops tend not to participate in Focus on Energy, and it was suggested that better coordination is needed to enable energy-efficiency and renewable projects in rural areas. It was suggested that representatives of the Department of Agriculture attend the next Renewables Workgroup meeting which is May 24, 2004.

Susan Stratton of the Energy Center of Wisconsin circulated a handout regarding Energy Efficiency Potential in Wisconsin and led the discussion regarding the framework for a new energy efficiency potential study for Wisconsin. This would assist the Task Force in making recommendations and could also be folded into

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the PSCW's Strategic Energy Assessment which has recently been released. The Administrative Model Workgroup will address the energy efficiency potential study at its next workgroup meeting and form a 3-5 person liaison committee to meet with the Energy Center and discuss the study and how it should be done. PSCW and DOA staff were also encouraged to attend the next Administrative Model Workgroup meeting which is scheduled for May 4, 2004.

The Task Force discussed the March 17, 2004 response received from Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Hassett regarding small-scale electric generation projects.

Task Force members were advised to forward any reimbursement requests to the Chair.

Workgroup reports are as follows:

**Administrative Model and Funding for Energy Efficiency**

The workgroup is continuing its discussion about administrative structure and will provide its recommendations to the Task Force by July. The next workgroup meeting is May 4, 2004.

**Other Statutory and Regulatory Initiatives**

There was a meeting with DOA and utilities about SB 554/AB 977 providing for increased state purchases of renewables, which needs to be improved. The next workgroup meeting is May 11, 2004.

**Renewables**

There are three renewable acquisition proposals. Workgroup is defining baseline and impact of proposals, including credit trading. The matrix comparing the Renewable Portfolio Standard law with proposals to change the standard will be updated, and there was discussion of a renewable potential study. The workgroup is also reviewing a model wind siting ordinance. A model ordinance and guidance document is available and will be shared with the workgroup. The next meeting date is May 24, 2004. The workgroup anticipates having its recommendations to the Task Force by July.

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Workgroup Chair Michael Vickerman's April 26, 2004 letter to Task Force Chair Lee Cullen regarding wind power manufacturing was circulated to the Task Force.

**Standards – Building Codes**

A copy of the draft of the workgroup's minutes from the April 13, 2004 meeting was circulated. There was discussion regarding the ASHRAE standards and We Energy's Building Codes Collaborative. The next meeting of the workgroup is May 11, 2004.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2004 commencing at 9:30 a.m. in the Governor's Conference Room.